**Bellaire Puritas**

**The Garfield School Community Garden** in the Bellaire-Puritas neighborhood was awarded $4200 to replace the existing rented porto-potti with more functional restroom, snaking out sewers connected to businesses, and replacing a door that secures their garden equipment.

**Riverside Park Community Outreach** is organizing “Let’s Move It, Riverside” in the Bellaire-Puritas neighborhood seeks to contract 3 teachers and 1 artist for classes for youth summer programming, supplies for cooking/healthy eating classes, and stipends. They received $3,650.

**Spokane Avenue Model Block Club** was awarded $744.00 to support their block party with a woonerf (a living street where pedestrians and bicycles have priority over motorists). The club will experiment with striping for bike lanes, alternative parking, and increased green space. Spokane Avenue is located in the Old Brooklyn neighborhood.

**Young Men of Integrity** was awarded $5000 to mentor 30 young men in learning more about lawn and yard maintenance while gaining experience with financial management. Their 4th year in existence, funds will be to reward the young men for their work, purchase equipment and supplies as they are taught money management lessons, and learn more about the importance of helping your neighbors.

**The West Park Coalition** received $3000 to host their annual festival as they welcome new residents with a fun-filled day full of food, entertainment, prizes and good old-fashioned bonding. Funds will go towards materials and equipment for festival.

**Buckeye**

**The Arts of Peace Program** received $3700 to support the collaboration with youth in other neighborhoods and bring them together with those in the Buckeye area with a common goal, to create something beautiful and entertaining so that they as well as the adults can be proud of. Equipment and supplies for this project will help examine restorative practices that engage students in supportive processes where they can take responsibility for their behavior and discover new ways of creating partnerships between adults and youth.

**Calvary Hill Church of God in Christ** received a grant of $2000 to continue strengthening the connections between residents in the Buckeye neighborhood with the Calvary Hill Community Garden. A class in nutrition, gardening skills and cooking for youth in both the East End and Calvary Hill summer programs as well as preparing raised beds, planting vegetables and watering the garden all summer long, with a small financial incentive, is the goal.

**Family Wellness Network**’s “Eat Healthy-Be Active Community Workshops” was awarded $3000 to assist in teaching wellness to every age group with sponsored events for children and adults. While serving healthy food items and giving presentations on the health value of each item, the project focuses on having individuals make a personal commitment to promote health and wellness in their own lives and raising community awareness.

**Healthy Eating and Active Living Buckeye, Larchmere, and Woodland Hills Community Council** came together to help bring healthy options available to everyone in our community through the 2nd annual Buckeye Area Family Garden Initiative. They were awarded $3000 to help families build on skills and create container gardens with packages complete with plants and seed, a watering can, barrel composting system, 50 gallon rain barrel, yard sign and 2 hands on training sessions.
Lydia Chapter’s “Sewing by Design” in the Buckeye Community was awarded a $1500 grant to give young ladies/men an opportunity to experience more from life besides pregnancy and dropping out of school. This organization has members who sew and have tailoring abilities that teach classes in fashion design and entrepreneurship.

Central
The Cleveland Central Rangers Boy Scouts have been awarded $3000 to their Troop and Pack to provide an outdoor based leadership program for youth ages 7-21 years that builds character, responsibilities of citizenship and develops personal fitness. They will acquire Re-charter fees, transportation, equipment, uniforms, camping fees and banquet fees to support this initiative.

Community Team Leaders was awarded a $3500 grant towards The Cedar Central Job Connection to provide education and a new mind set for formally incarcerated individuals so they can have the basic skills necessary to gain employment. Different classes for individuals about different topics based on their needs will be provided, along with a rented space, a computer, supplies and other equipment for all participants to use.

East 73rd Street Community Club “United We Stand” summer series received a $2155 grant towards books and school supplies for annual events to educate the community through book clubs for the youth, as well as utilizing the healing garden for meetings and events incorporating adults. Workshops and mentoring health/play dates involving seniors are also planned on.

Gardening Angel’s Alliance “The Wellness Garden Cleveland” project was awarded $2500 to support the primary goal to be a landmark of peace for the Central neighborhood within three sectioned areas: a peace garden, market garden and learning garden. These will address systematic neighborhood issues such as crime, education, food insecurity, and community pride by providing life skill resources to families.

Garden Valley Neighborhood House will launch the Voices in the Valley: A Children’s Heritage Choir with an awarded grant of $4000. The choir will perform rich musical and literary contributions of African-Americans and learn, through supplemental classes, the contextual history of the music and literature augmented with museum and library visits.

Marshall Avenue Safety Group’s “Back to School Safety Fair” was awarded $2500 to increase safety awareness in the Central neighborhood and to bring the community together in a fun and informative way. A block party where community groups and safety experts can come give advice and safety tips to people will also be organized.

Trinity Cathedral’s “Charlie Comella Urban Farm” has been awarded a $3700 grant to make it more sustainable by improving the infrastructure needed to grow its crops. By extending the beds and reconstructing/replacing three of them, extending their useful life by using Weathershield pressure treated lumber and reusing as much soil as possible increases yield and will enable them to do more to combat hunger in the neighborhood.

The Woodland Cemetery Foundation which will use the awarded grant of $3000 to help distribute coloring books to participants at the Woodland Event “Oral Traditions Joining Generations through Storytelling”. This initiative has helped the African American community survive and pass on a proud heritage throughout history by bringing elders to read 14 stories that relate the experiences of writers, politicians, soldiers and slaves while bringing his/her own experiences into the storytelling process at Sunday schools, libraries and community center after school programs.
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The 1900 Block of Hayden Street Club was granted $1,500 in support of their Clean-Up Project. The funds will be used to purchase supplies and equipment to be used by the neighbors in the East Cleveland neighborhood.

David’s Challenge was granted $3,000 in support of their Young Achievers Fit Challenge Summer Camp Program. The funds will be used to provide education, nutrition and fitness activities to the children of East Cleveland. Some of the funds will be used to purchase fitness equipment to be used in this afterschool program.

Double Hearts of Wonder was granted $5,000 as a first time grantee in support of their GED readiness for ages 16-24 program. The funds will be used to provide free GED education to young women with children who are currently in foster care or have aged-out of foster care in the City of East Cleveland. Some of the funds will be used to purchase computer equipment and tutoring supplies.

EC Grows Community Garden was granted $3,740 in support of their Expanding the Reach project in East Cleveland. The funds will be used to continue to expand the garden site by adding a storage shed for tools and equipment, gardening training and an annual Harvest Festival at the end of growing season.

The Friends of Mayfair Garden was granted $800 in support of their Food for All programs. The funds will be used to purchase vegetable plants to help continue their garden program for students and neighbors of Mayfair Elementary School in the City of East Cleveland.

The Friends of the Superior Garden was granted $560 in support of their Fresh Fruits from Trees and Bushes project. The funds will be used to fruit trees and bushes to continue the garden program for the students and neighbors of the Superior Elementary School in the City of East Cleveland.

The Hayden Ave. Community Yard Sale Committee was granted $1,700 in support of their Hayden Ave. Community Yard Sale. The funds will be used to provide entertainment for the East Cleveland community event by the neighborhood youth performers. Some of the funds will be used to purchase supplies for the event as well.

MFM Girl Talk was granted $4,000 in support of their Girl Talk Mentoring Program. The funds will be used to provide weekly programming & mentoring for female youth (11-17) focused in East Cleveland. Some of the fund will be used to purchase supplies, speakers, healthy food choices and educational opportunities for the students in the Cleveland area.

The Snickerfritz Cultural Workshop for the Arts was granted $2,000 in support of their Annual Collard Green Festival. The funds will be used to support the neighborhood – centric and focused food festival that will raise funds for art scholarships for students in the City of East Cleveland.

Special Socials for Seniors Services Inc. was granted $2,000 in support of their Healthy Community Safely Prepared Project. The funds will be used to provide emergency safe kits and education for seniors in East Cleveland. The majority of the funds will be used to purchase supplies for a disaster kit and FEMA materials.

Windermere Renaissance was granted $900 in support of the Children’s Garden (Page Ave.) program. The funds will be used to provide a back-to-school clothing stipend for children that participate in the garden throughout the summer and completion of a book-project in East Cleveland.

Clark Fulton
Hispanic Partners in Action were awarded $3,000 to support their adult literacy classes for the Latino community in the Clark Fulton neighborhood.

I Am A Dream...was awarded $2,500 to support The Cleveland Pearls of Distinction, a character building and leadership development program for young girls in third through fifth grade. I Am A Dream is based in the Clark Fulton neighborhood.

Lincoln West Hispanic UMADAOP was awarded $1,200 to support the formation of their Youth Advisory Council aimed to reduce and prevent the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs by youth in the Clark Fulton neighborhood.

Lincoln West HPAC was awarded $2,750 to support programming dedicated to eliminate objectionable opinion and discrimination against physically disabled children and young adults in the Clark Fulton neighborhood.

The Plain Press was awarded $2,500 to support their Teen Summer Program that will teach students from the Clark Fulton all facets to publishing a newspaper including journalistic writing, photography, and advertising.

West 33rd Street Block Club was awarded $2,000 to help expand their community garden with the purchase of bushes, trees, picnic tables, soil, and more!

Cudell
The Clifton Baltic Neighborhood Association will hold monthly activities (perennial exchange, bike tune ups, dogs in the park, back to school ice cream social, fall book exchange) for their neighborhood and will also install two pet waste stations using $1657 from Neighborhood Connections.

The Denison Avenue United Church of Christ received $5000 for their Quilombo Poetry Project. The Poetry Project will host monthly poetry events where youth become conscious of social, political and economic forces affecting their world, learn from positive role models, and raise their voices on issues important to them.

Helping Hands in Cudell will organize Winter Fest to create a club for knitting. This group will knit hats, scarves and mittens for students using $1722 from NC for children who are in need of these items at this fun winter event.

Hope Market Garden was awarded $2781 to improve their market and purchase soil to improve their produce and increase their distribution.

Madison Avenue Merchants was awarded $4500 to build stronger relationships among merchants and to install security cameras in blind spots to improve safety in the area.

The Simpson Neighbors will utilize $2497 from Neighborhood Connections to host a Summer Festival/Back-to-School Bash in Cudell to celebrate the neighborhood’s diversity. Funds will be used to assist in food, entertainment and family in-need costs (back to school supplies).

Detroit Shoreway
Artistas Latinos Unidos was awarded $5000 to host El Dia de Muertos Celebration in Detroit Shoreway. El Dia de Muertos (Day of the Dead) celebration incorporates arts and cultural education outreach and works to foster community ties and relationships. Funds will help with festival costs.
Bridge Brigades’ Black-Eyed Susan Beautification program in Detroit Shoreway will use $2070 from Neighborhood Connections to plant sunflowers throughout the area of Bridge Ave from W. 50th to W. 65th on tree lawns and vacant lots to increase neighborhood identity.

Detroit Shoreway Merchants Association – pARTy at the Square in Detroit Shoreway seeks to increase transportation with trolleys, t-shirts, participating in Parade the Circle – serving as community building activities. $5,000.

Edgewater Hill Block Club will host an outdoor community movie nights utilizing $3000 from NC. Funds will be used to purchase a video projector and screen to facilitate visual presentations and reports and for outdoor community movie nights.

Renee Jones Empowerment Center will continue Project Red Cord in Detroit Shoreway. Project Red Cord was awarded $5000 to raise awareness of human trafficking, provide support services to victims of trafficking and provide direct street outreach to individuals involved in human trafficking.

Soul Brothers & Sisters Patch received $5000 to turn a vacant lot in the Detroit-Shoreway neighborhood into a community garden and gathering space. The location will attract a lot of attention and hopefully inspire future projects. Infrastructure, tools, permits, fencing, lumber, compost, a picnic table and other related expenses will be supplemented by this award.

Third Fridays Artwalk Committee in Detroit Shoreway will host ArtWalks in the neighborhood. This group received $2500 for entertainment and advertising for this exciting event.

West Clinton Historic Haunts was awarded $4734 to support the 2013 Historic Haunts Tour in Detroit Shoreway. The Historic Haunts tour brings residents and those interested in the area together for a community event that highlights the Detroit Shoreway area. Funds will go towards to promoting the event, actor training, and materials.

Downtown
The Downtown Farmers Market at Public Square was awarded $3,000 to support their newest addition to the market called Cleveland Cooks: monthly cooking classes at Old Stone Church led by area chefs.

Diamonds In The Rough, Inc. within the Hough neighborhood, is a non-profit organization with the purpose of empowering teenage girls through mentorship, enrichment, and character building. A $3,000 grant will support their Summer Enrichment Program for 6 weeks, providing mentoring services to 15 mentees. Girls between 14-18 living in inner city Cleveland will be cultivated into prosperous and driven young women who help improve and financially contribute to the urban community and society as a whole.

Fairfax
DeZine for Success will launch their second annual “Seeds to Succeed Entrepreneurial Camp” inviting students from Cuyahoga County City Schools (Fairfax Community) districts that are motivated to participate in a one week summer entrepreneurial camp. The students will engage in creating their own products, learn business principles, learn to work together in teams, engage in competition with their products and overall performance. A $1800 grant was awarded to this initiative to provide an opportunity for the students to sell their products and services on the e-commerce website.
East 86th Street Residents and Street Club was granted $3,000 in support of their *Langston Hughes Reading Garden*. The funds will be used to transform 2 vacant lots (former homes of Langston Hughes) into a Fairfax community reading garden. Most of the funds will be used to purchase flowers, benches and bike rakes for the reading garden.

The Fairfax Community Socialization Program was granted $4,057 in support of their *Living Active in Fairfax* program. The funds will be used to expand wellness programming at the Langston Hughes center for seniors living in the Fairfax neighborhood. The funds will be used to provide meetings, class and art projects focused on staying healthy both physically and mentally.

Harambe Rites of Passage Program was granted $2,750 in support of their *Harambe Rites of Passage* program. The funds will be used to create a African-centric rites of passage program for students in the Fairfax neighborhood. The funds will be used to rent a community friendly location and purchase workbooks, visual aids for the program as well as a field trip to the African American Underground Railroad Museum.

Health Professionals Affinity Communications- Breaking Barriers of Learning project will focus on three barriers to a successful education. With an awarded $2300, the plan is to educate 5th graders at the local Boys and Girls Club and two local elementary schools on the following issues: OCD, ADHD and severe anger management. The day will include an Introduction, Activity One, Snack time, an Art activity and Wrap up.

Passages Connecting Fathers and Sons, Inc. was granted $3,000 in support of their *D.A.D.S project*. The funds will be used to support their annual retreat for 125 non-custodial fathers and their children and will encourage the parenting skills, effective communications, leadership and problem solving skills. Some of the funds will be used to provide transportation, lodging, meals and education during the retreat for fathers targeted in the Fairfax neighborhood.

Wealth Health Prosperity & Positivity was granted $3000 in support of their *Health Professional Affinity Community* program. The funds will be used to provide students with “high” level of SAT/ACT tutoring and training for the students from Cleveland School of Science & Medicine living in the Fairfax neighborhood.

Forest Hills

The Eden Project will hold their 2013 Champions of Change Youth Gardening program with a $5000 grant. The project will establish an urban farm in Cleveland’s Forest Hills community that teaches youth about market gardening, organic sustainable gardening and entrepreneurship.

Ashbury Senior Computer Community Center was awarded $2,500 for its Internet and Computing Core/Certified Customer Service Specialist Program. The goal is to implement positive initiatives that bring empowering technology resources to inner-city residents through a 180 hour course that includes a nationally recognized certification. After completion, students will utilize some of their new found skills to help others by volunteering within a community center/organization of their choice.

Glenville

African American History on the Move- Mobile Museum will benefit families, neighborhood youth, the elderly, neighborhood leaders, as well as people who reside outside of the neighborhood who see/pass by the museum project. This pictorial project was awarded a $3,000 grant that will fund the research, design and creation of a canvass mural that will depict significant events and people who have lived and worked in the Glenville community.
Ashbury Ave. Block Club’s “Community Gardeners and Jr. Sprouts” Group received a $2,650 grant to place a fence around the community garden, build a shed onsite to house the material and tools used by the gardeners, as well as raise beds by 4 inches to reduce the rate of water evaporation. Neighborhood residents will coordinate and manage the garden as it will serve as a community gathering and safe space for residents, families, youth and seniors.

Ashbury E. 108th- E. 115th Block Club will hold “The Fourth Annual Healthy Living Through Fun and Education Youth Day” that will benefit 100 identified children within the area. A $2,700 grant was awarded to assist in being instrumental in assisting Ashbury Ave. families of school aged children by providing educational/healthy activities to students throughout the summer to keep them engaged and interested in learning.

Girls Of The World Inc.- Changing A Child One At A Time program was awarded $4,500 to provide a cooperative mentoring, self-help and group training program to cultivate a learning environment and creative outlet as a means of molding At-Risk young ladies into highly productive citizens and strong contributors to society within the Glenville Community.

Glenville Community Youth Center’s “Summer Enrichment Program for Youth” will provide structured activities to support summer enrichment to youth ages 5-12 years of age. This 6 week initiative received $4,500 towards field trips to enhance social interactions and behavior in public, structured indoor and outdoor games to encourage fun and fair play, creative arts and crafts to encourage creativity and individuality, sports and exercise participation to encourage good health habits, projects, music and dance activities, as well as history and civic activities to encourage and promote self-empowerment.

Glenville 2013- The FRESH Camp was awarded a $4,300 grant to create a 6 week summer camp for Glenville youth where students explore and promote what’s FRESH in the neighborhood through hip-hop recording and performance, while becoming the change they would like to see. The project helps provide a safe, creative arts and cultural outlet for youth.

Glenville SCORES- Youth Summer Soccer Camp was granted $2,471 to operate a 4-week Saturday day camp for 30-40 Cleveland elementary school kids providing them with an authentic soccer experience. Each camp day will include a simple schedule of warm-ups, soccer drills, skill games, scrimmages and snacks and Gatorade utilizing America SCORES curriculum.

Phillio Mentoring “Read to Succeed-Life Skills Mentoring” Program received a $4,500 grant to implement their overall goal to engage inner city young ladies ages 8 thru 11 of the Glennville area in literacy, self esteem, creative arts and an appreciation of lifelong learning and self awareness. Through one-on-one assistance, small group reading/writing classes, and self-esteem seminars, youth will be empowered with the social and academic skills necessary to advance their quality of life.

Project GROW’s overall goal is to empower people in the Glenville neighborhood to grow their own food, building relationships and sharing ideas in order to create a network of knowledgeable neighborhood gardeners from parents to youth and even the elderly who need some extra support. A grant of $1,300 was awarded to this initiative.

Hough
All About Health was awarded $2,750 to assist in their goal to motivate more young people to love who they are and take action and steps towards a healthier life, mentally, physically, socially and emotionally. The funds will be used to support their “Youth Lead Health Mentorship” Program. They will work with a group of health
professional mentors from Metro Health and Case Western Reserve University to create engaging health centered programming and events for boys, girls and families in the Hough Neighborhood.

C-Life and the Leaders of Tomorrow will utilize their $5000 grant to enhance their “Healthy Living” programming in South Collinwood. The project will encourage well-rounded, healthy lifestyles through a series of workshops and trainings, mentoring, performing arts and exercise classes.

E. 93rd Street Hub Club Community Street Banner Project received a $2,363 grant to restore and enhance a sense of pride and beauty along the street within the Hough Community. E. 93rd St is a main thoroughfare and heavily traveled by many people to several major Hospital Systems, Universities as well as Museums. This project will display continued beautification and pride of residents within the Hough Community.

“Lettuce Lead- Youth in The Forefront of Urban Agriculture!” which is located in the Heart of Cleveland, was awarded $4,500 to help people in underserved communities at City Rising Farm. Their mission is to encourage local teens and adults to more actively participate in their community garden. Teaching them how to grow fresh local food and build healthy long lasting relationships with each other while implementing a youth leadership program that focuses on urban agriculture, nutrition, and community building in the Hough Neighborhood.

MidTown Cleveland Inc.’s Crossroads Project was awarded $2500 to install green space improvements along Euclid Ave. to help with planting and site amenities, landscape materials and to implement first phase initiatives of area green space enhancements. The goal is to create a multi-modal district that unites the business district, surrounding residential neighborhoods, new development, public transit corridors and the potential commuter rail/bus hub.

Pentecostal Church of Christ in the Hough neighborhood will hold – “Camp Culture”. The 4 week event is devoted solely to the arts and will consist of visual, drama, dance, music and creative writing experiences. A grant of $4,000 was awarded to this initiative to support getting youth off the streets and placed in a positive, educational setting during the summer.

True Light Church was awarded $1,764 to continue the GED preparation program with new text books, workbooks, office supplies, as well as classroom furnishings designed to improve the classroom environment and facilitate more structured learning within the Hough Community. The team is a grassroots effort to recruit students and volunteers to add skill sets that include employment counseling and social service work in addition to tutoring.

Kamm’s Corners
Hasani Garden Camp in Kamm’s Corners was awarded $3900 provide transportation to and from the camp, growing supplies, visual and audio aid, and crafts for youth activities, equipment and cooking materials for cooking classes.

Lee-Harvard
Caring Individuals-Stepping Out Against Breast Cancer Walk will use its awarded $3000 to provide resources to educate, activate and bring the community together on a subject that is being kept quiet, Breast Cancer. They will acquire T-shirts, insurance rider, permit for police coverage, banner and posters, postage stamps, supplies, helium, a DJ, printer/copier, paper, toner, tents and sound equipment as well.
Concerned Partners in Education will launch “The Programmed Apprenticeships for Successful Students” in the Lee - Harvard neighborhood. A $5000 grant will support the objective to place local students into jobs in the community for the summer. The P.A.S.S. Program gives youth education in business and economic development, work place ethics and skilled job force training and development. Incentive stipends for students and supplies will be utilized.

Ebenezer Assembly of Christ Church Florida Avenue Beautification initiative was awarded a $2000 grant to provide a peaceful and beautiful space of land in a community area void of such. By adding shrubbery, flora, park bench seating, and picnic tables as well as a fence to allow privacy for nearby homeowners, this would be a space used for specific and regular community events which will be open to the community at large.

The Henry Johnson Center will provide tutoring to 25 high school aged students in order to improve their academic performance with an awarded $5000. Students will receive supplemental help from three of their high school aged peers that are currently demonstrating outstanding academic achievement. The funds will supply stipends to the teens that work as tutors, to purchase incentives for those that complete the program, supplies for the participants, to fund educational field trips and to make copies of curriculum and permission slips.

Lee-Seville-Miles Citizens Council initiative “See You At The Top-4” will expose minority youth in this community to downhill skiing, rock-climbing, running, and tennis. A grant of $5000 will be used towards providing participants with lessons, equipment, transportation and related costs surrounding these sporting activities. This project is needed to improve the neighborhood by providing youth with learning skills that enhance classroom education, that will help them to become effective leaders in our increasing global society.

**Mount Pleasant**

Concerned Citizens of Mt. Pleasant will launch their Mt. Pleasant Auxiliary Police and Neighborhood Watch program. A $5,000 grant will support the safety and security of the neighborhood by funding furnishings that are not donated, including rent and utilities for office space and a laptop computer, while communicating and providing the opportunity to serve and forge a closer relationship with law enforcement.

The eNtrepreneur Professionals Network –Mt. Pleasant Chapter- will invite residents and former residents between 16-80+ years of age who are interested in making their business a reality with its eNtrepreneur Professional Development Training program. The $5,000 awarded grant will fund participants up to 6 months of training as well as a computer and financial literacy training with the opportunity to participate in an eTernship to test out their new skills.

Love and Care Ministries was awarded $2000 to provide neighborhood youth with a 90 day program called “Gifted Hands” that involves learning basic to advanced, sign language, healthy socialization, fun and educational activities for the betterment of the community. Meeting three days per week various curriculum and field trips will take place.

Melzer Avenue Street Club in the Mt. Pleasant Community neighborhood was awarded $5,000 for their Youth Construction Apprenticeship Program – a Basic Home Repair Community Workshop. This program helps to improve Mt. Pleasant by engaging families in a positive activity which may set them on a career path within the construction field and learn skills pertinent to any homeowner. It also benefits the community by offering senior citizens low cost quality services which improve their quality of life.

Mt. Pleasant Beautification Committee was awarded $5,000 to their Inter-Generational Garden & Kinsman Streetscape Projects. The funds will be used to promote healthy eating, and wellness for the residents of the
Mt. Pleasant Community surrounding the East 112th Street garden as well as replenishing the beautification of 14 large planters along Kinsman Road.

Peace in the Hood will resume their Summer Camp program –Peace Camp- for 4 weeks. $5,000 was awarded to service 60 youth and 40 family members of the Mt. Pleasant Community. Implementing a new component to the Camp, Rites of Passage programming will keep youth, and participating parents, engaged in strong, positive, structured activities that will bring the community together even after Peace Camp is over.

Reservoir Place Drive Street Club’s “2013 Beautification Project” initiative will embark on beautifying 7 CPP decorative street light poles which currently illuminate the street. An awarded $4,999 grant will be a positive example of what a group of concerned neighbors working together can do to maintain their lawns and street within the Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood.

S.E.E.D.S.-Strategic Engagements for Economic Development Solutions is sponsoring “The Youth Construction Apprenticeship Project”. The $5,000 grant awarded to this out of school initiative will offer apprenticeship construction training to at-risk youth who are either involved in the criminal justice system or truant. This training provides a deterrent from gang activity and bridges the gap between youth and the elderly.

Thea Bowman Center’s TBC .KIDS, in the Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood, has been awarded $4,800 to subsidize their Summer Camp Program that will focus on youth 6-13 with a variety of learning activities for 7 consistent weeks. Older youth ranging from 14-18, may be considered for summer employment to assist with daily supervised activities under adult supervision or may participate as a volunteer.

**North Collinwood**

Euclid Beach Adopt-A-Beach will expand their programming to include “Plays In the Park.” $3865 was awarded to support the public performances by a children’s theater group the North Collinwood Euclid Beach Park. The youth will engage park visitors in learning more about the environment and build their leadership skills.

Euclid Beach Park Now of North Collinwood was awarded $3818 to increase their capacity. The funds will be used to support their “Remembering the Sights and Sounds of Euclid Beach” initiative. They will acquire tables chairs and tents to use at events which will be accessible to other community groups that would be unable to participate otherwise.

Independent Pictures in North Collinwood will use $3185 to initiate a Summer Movie Series in cooperation with Arts Collinwood. The will kick-off the series during the Waterloo Arts Festival and run a show a film each month that coincides with the art gallery’s installation theme. The purpose is to increase the likelihood of the Waterloo Arts district as a destination location.

Jamocha Arts Center will use $2600 to hold their second annual Collinwood Summer Street Festival for youth and children in the North Collinwood neighborhood. The event will be family fun that includes music, art, dancing, contests and prizes. Families will be able to get fingerprinting services for their children and teens, and everyone will get to meet community partners such as fire, police and council people.

**Ohio City**

The 1942-1946 West 47th Street Community Garden Group was awarded $1,568 to assist in purchasing vegetable plants, composting materials, and other garden amenities for the community garden located in Ohio City.
Arrupe Neighborhood Partnership was awarded $3,000 to go toward purchasing 24 violins for their summer and after-school music program. The Arrupe Strings Program geared towards teaching fifth through eighth graders in Ohio City how to play violin.

Buck Buck Community Collaborative was awarded $2,000 to assist in purchasing equipment and supplies for their free arts programming throughout the year. The Collaborative will provide classes, exhibitions, and lectures around illustration, painting, printmaking, animation, and more! BuckBuck is located in Ohio City.

The Friends of Greenwood Park were awarded $1,673 to help continue their efforts to transform Greenwood Park through community attendance and participation. In addition to their weekly ice cream socials, this year will feature a pumpkin decorating event, a neighborhood cook-out and a book exchange box. The park is located in Ohio City.

Kentucky Garden was awarded $2,500 to support their “no plow” garden where Ohio City neighbors can garden year round by tilling the garden by hand. The funding will assist in improving the current irrigation system.

The Lake Effect Free Alternative Health Clinic was awarded $3,500 to assist in their transition to a new location that will specifically cater to the needs of lesbian, gay, bi, trans, and queer people who live on the near west side of Cleveland by providing holistic, alternative therapies, and health consultations for free.

Literary Lots was awarded $2,500 to support their effort to transform vacant and underutilized lots into book themed locations, through interactive and educational programming in the Ohio City neighborhood.

Ohio City Historic Foundation was awarded $2,500 to support their efforts to create historic district street signs for the Ohio City Historic District.

Ohio City Theater Project was awarded $1,000 to support their theater arts programming and classes for children in the Ohio City neighborhood. The programming included classes on improvisation and storytelling as well as puppet and mask making.

Saint Clair Superior
Asian Services In Action, Inc.’s- Midtown Green Spot Shake Up: Bringing Community to the Garden! project was awarded $2500 to create a real sense of community using urban agriculture as the vehicle. This will initiate help making the garden safe and accessible to the community and will also give the residents the skills and tools to make the program sustainable.

Cleveland UMADAOP will expand their program Fresh G.R.O.U.N.D. to create a gardening program for children that will enable them to learn the value of growing and eating fresh food. $3,000 was awarded to support the creation, planting and growing of each garden bed throughout the summer. The children will also work on a community garden bed where the produce will be used at community events and Mary’s House specifically.

Community Greenhouse Partners in the St. Clair Superior neighborhood will use a $750 grant to hold community workshops on a wide array of gardening and environmental topics. They intend to make the workshops a regular part of their programming as a way to connect with their neighbors.
Negative Space Gallery in the St. Clair Superior neighborhood will hold “Superiorplex – Where Business and Community Intertwine.” The weekend event is a community festival that will bring together residents, musician, artists and business to focus on community building. A grant of $5000 was awarded to this initiative.

St. Clair Superior Youth Leadership Council is a group of MyCom participants who will be developing a Teen Center. The youth will use a $3000 grant to leverage other resources and provide positive environment for teens and other youth to learn about their own skills, access resources and bridge the gap between neighbors.

Swingin’ 60’s will launch the St. Clair Blooms initiative in the St. Clair Superior neighborhood. A $1200 grant will support regular neighborhood clean-ups, the installation of plantings along St. Clair Avenue and provide support for some neighbors beautify their yards.

**Shaker Square**

Shaker Square Area Development Corporation will continue to promote “The Connection” Newspaper that provides the Larchmere, Ludlow and Shaker Heights communities with a voice for community forum and an avenue from program development. With their awarded $2400 grant, it is a great reference to residents that includes a column, apartment and business districts, classifieds as well as a calendar of events that will be in each issue and will cover three months.

**Slavic Village**

3MB – Men Mentoring Men & Boys was granted $4,000 in support of their 3MB program. The funds will be used to provide a mentoring program for young boys/men in East Cleveland. Some of the funds will be used to provide mentor training, and supplies for various events throughout the year.

Broadway Christian Church received an awarded $2500 grant to help fund its Summer Reading Program which will be in its 36th year and will meet the needs of academically at risk students by providing them with one on one tutoring, an hour of computer classes and an hour of Art class. Remediation through the use of educational programs as well as lessons in doing research and making power points will be conducted.

Broadway Public Art’s “ArtUnder30” project will produce a series of arts events in Slavic Village that are targeted to young people under thirty years of age. They were granted $2000 funds to pay for artists and musicians fees, the rental of sound and light equipment, as well as food and supplies to make these public arts events successful.

Celebrate the Arts Performance Academy’s Community Mural Project was awarded $2500 to beautify the wall that faces the street of the recreation center. The mural will depict the various activities of this neighborhood center and will show the concerns, hopes, values and memories of the community.

Mill Creek Falls Community Garden organization has been developed to improve the overall quality of life in the neighborhood by creating a project to be an attractive destination for family activity, the utilization of green space and a location of positive energy on Warner Road. A $1500 grant was awarded to “Green Friends” to create a synergistic partnership of revitalization for the neighborhood and its members. A water line and spigots, top soil preparation, as well as woodchips will be funded for this initiative.

Ottawa-Indiana-Owosso “Tribe” Block Club is a new group of neighbors coming together to build neighborhood spirit and community on 3 short blocks in the Broadway Slavic Village community. $1375 was awarded to the “Neighborhood Gateway” to assist with clean-ups, removal of a tree and shrubs as well as uneven grading. A neighborhood block party as part of GardenWalk to thank the residents for their work keeping the neighborhood clean and to help them get to know one another is also planned.
Slavic Village’s Ward 12 received a grant of $2500 to improve community relations by having its annual Holiday Bash in December which will promote unity, diversity of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds. Food, decorations, cutlery and other utensils as well as a band and security will be funded by this initiative.

Warner Turney Neighborhood Organization was awarded $1000 towards “Summer Activities” which will include Party in Park, Ice Cream Social, School Supplies for 100 Children and an Easter Egg Hunt in the spring of next year. The activities planned are for children in a safe area with adult supervision to help offset costs to families at or below poverty level within the community.

Slavic Village Skaters, Next Gen Skateboarding will utilize their $3177 grant towards funding the sixth annual East meets West Game of SKATE. Also, skate lessons at Stella Walsh Rec Center over the summer for younger kids that are just getting into skateboarding will last 8 weeks and will help to invite the vast world of skateboarding to the community sharing knowledge and power to create something bigger than themselves.

South Collinwood
Core Community Outreach in South Collinwood will use a $5000 grant to initiate their “Achievement Through the Arts” program. The group will develop a youth choir providing vocal training. Students at Collinwood High will act as mentors to younger participants and receive stipends for their participation.

The Euclid Park Civic Club will begin the Video History of South Collinwood project using a grant of $1500. The goals are to teach residents new skills in research, interviewing and video, educate the community about its rich history, and bring neighbors together for the final viewing of the video. DVD will be given to participants, residents and local institutions as a historical archive.

The Extended Family was granted $4,000 in support of their Tea Time program. The funds will be used to expand the inter-generational project designed for young girls transitioning into womanhood by teaching self-esteem, cultural identity, decision making and leadership skills through manners and etiquette. The majority of the funds will be used for the Tea event at the end of the program for the young women from Fairfax involved.

Stockyards
New Hope Community Garden $1,630 to assist in paying for enhancement projects including fencing, water access, and building a chicken coop for the Stockyards community garden.

Village People Block Club was awarded $3,520 to help address safety issues and beautify the neighborhood. Their efforts will include clearing our brush from the alleys and helping seniors keep up with yard maintenance. The block club is also planning to use the funds to throw a community celebration for the Stockyards neighborhood.

W. 73rd Street & Neighborhood Coalition started a block club - Street Projects that will utilize the $3500 grant they were awarded to distribute meeting notices, providing a packet to new residents to welcome them to the neighborhood, as well as hold the annual Summer Police Appreciation Event to thank the safety forces for their continued hard work and lot improvements and upkeep to the neighborhood lot leased from the City of Cleveland.

Tremont
The Tremont Arts and Cultural Festival was awarded $4,000 to support their efforts to introduce a Healthy Choices/Life Skills program into the festival called “What You Do Matters”. The program will include sessions on Healthy Food Choice, Bullying and Self-Esteem, and Exercise with the Arts.

**Union-Miles**

East 108th Street Club’s “Intergenerational Community Day” was awarded $4099.00 to upgrade the park, Oleatha Wilson Park with game tables and have an Intergenerational Community Game Day this summer. This project will help continue with the vision of promoting community interaction, bringing neighbors together and building relationships.

**University Circle**

Cleveland School of Science and Medicine was awarded $2500 to their “AWOL: All Walks of Life” initiative to educate the community about diversity. A speaker series that focuses on race, sexual orientation and religion will offer interesting and taboo topics and bring them out into the open, a cultural night that focuses on food, art and fun with different cultures as well as a series of art splashes, creation of a mini movie, and community conversations that involve controversial exploring of their biases.

East Cleveland Township Cemetery Foundation in the University neighborhood will hold “Made in Mourning”–Contemporary Memorial and Reliquary project. The four month event will focus on the history of the cemetery to neighborhood children not only in University Circle but also in East Cleveland and Cleveland. A grant of $2000 was awarded to this initiative.

**Westown**

Juvenile Advocates Inc. –JADS- will launch its “Young People Mentoring Troubled Young People on internet” initiative. A $1,500 grant was awarded to establish office headquarters to operate services of engaging young indigent people on Social Media to encourage and inform them of opportunities to pursue their dreams and accomplish their goals.